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VIENNA FOR USDEL MBFR

GENEVA FOR USDEL CSCE

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: IZVESTIYA TAKES UNYIELDING LINE ON MBFR

1. AS IF TO UNDERLINE THAT PROCEDURAL PROGRESS
IN VIENNA HAS NO IMPLICATION FOR THE SUBSTANCE OF
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SOVIET MBFR POSITION, IZVESTIYA MARCH 4 RUNS LONG

COMMENTARY REITERATING SOVIET MBFR VIEWS RIGIDLY
AND IMPUTING BASEST OF MOTIVES TO WEST.

2. COMMENTARY, WRITTEN BY TWO IZVESTIYA CORRESPONDENTS
IN VIENNA, ATTACKS WESTERN POSITION OF EXCLUSION OF AIR
AND NUCLEAR UNITS, FOR "DISPROPORTION" IN REDUCTION
PROCESS, AND FOR LIMITATION OF REDUCTIONS TO U.S. AND
SOVIET TROOPS (NOTHING SAID ABOUT SECOND PHASE).
SHOWING SENSITIVITY TO WESTERN CHARGES THAT SOVIETS
HAVE INCREASED AND MODERNIZED FORCES IN GDR, IZVESTIYA
CHALLENGES WESTERN ASSUMPTION OF CURRENT IMBALANCE AND
QUOTES U.S. DEFENSE SECRETARY SCHLESINGER "TIMES"
ARTICLE TO EFFECT THAT FORCES IN CENTRAL EUROPE ARE
CLOSE TO NUMERICAL EQUALITY.

3. IN ONE OF SEVERAL ASSAULTS ON WESTERN MOTIVES,
IZVESTIYA CITES GENERAL GOODPASTER'S REMARKS ON MINI-
NUCLEAR FORCES TO ARGUE THAT IT IS NOT WARSAW PACT,
BUT NATO, THAT IS MODERNIZING ITS FORCES IN CENTRAL
EUROPE. COMMENTARY, SUMMING UP, CONCLUDES THAT WESTERN
AIM IS TO EXTRACT UNILATERAL CONCESSIONS FROM
SOCIALIST SIDE. IN SINGLE BOW TO WESTERN SIDE, IT ENDS
WITH A RECOGNITION OF SINCERITY OF SOME WESTERN DIPLOMATS
AND WITH AN EXHORTATION THAT "DIFFICULT START IN VIENNA
CAN AND MUST LEAD TO SUCCESSFUL FINISH."

4. COMMENT. WE SUSPECT THE STRONG NEGATIVE CAST
OF THE IZVESTIYA PIECE IS PARTLY TACTICAL: DESIGNED
TO SHOW THAT SOVIETS HAVE NOT YET GIVEN ANYTHING OF SUBSTANCE
AWAY AT VIENNA. CONTRASTED WITH THE FAR MORE POSITIVE
SOVIET PRESS ACCOUNTS OF CSCE, THE IZVESTIYA ACCOUNT
ALSO INDICATES A SOVIET PERCEPTION THAT THERE IS FAR
GREATER DISTANCE BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES AT VIENNA THAN
AT GENEVA.
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